



Opportunities for all; Foundations for life

Marsh Gibbon Church of England School

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Parent Survey Results

A big **thank you** to everyone who responded to the recent Parent Survey. We had 59 responses, which provided us with high quality data to analyse. Hopefully you found the online survey quicker and easier to use, so we will continue to use this collection method in future years.

The results

Happiness of the children at our school is obviously our primary consideration and we are very pleased that over 98.3% of the responses agreed that their children were happy at Marsh Gibbon, up slightly on last year's results. Pleasingly 96.6% of you would recommend Marsh Gibbon to other families, which is a real endorsement of the hard work and effort that all the staff, governors and PTA make for the children and the school.

On most questions the percentage of agreement has increased since the 2012 survey. The biggest increases could be seen in the following areas:

- *My child is making good progress.*
- *Pupils behave well at school*
- *The school takes into consideration the views of the parents*

Last year saw strong progress results across the school, the establishment of the successful Parent Forum and the introduction of a new behaviour strategy.

There was a slight decline in the percentage agreement in two key areas

- *I feel that I have appropriate opportunities to discuss my child's progress with their teacher.* We appreciate that replacing the October Parents' Evening with a Curriculum Evening may not have provided the individual feedback required. We will return to two Parents' Evenings next year, as well as holding the Curriculum Evening.
- *There is a good range of activities that my child finds interesting and enjoyable.* We feel that we have a diverse range of after school activities and clubs, and by introducing a more creative curriculum have provided exciting opportunities for the children throughout the year. We would welcome any ideas for future activities.

This year we also asked you to rate a whole host of attributes, firstly on the importance to you and your family and then on the school's performance. The results were really interesting and highlighted to us the areas in which we are doing well, but also the areas in which we could improve:

- *The website.* We appreciate that our website has not been kept up to date and, as such, has not been a very useful tool for communication. The new website is now up and running. It is more user-friendly and will be updated every week, so will hopefully become the first point of call for all questions and queries.

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- *Outside learning.* We are currently working on a new outdoor learning curriculum for the school and are investing in new resources to enable children across the school to access the outdoor space throughout the year.
- *Extended services.* We are running a breakfast club every morning, which is increasing in popularity.
- *Technology.* All children have access to the computers, which are used in lessons throughout the week, and also enjoy using the interactive whiteboards, which are in every classroom. Bob Evans is an ICT specialist teacher who works with our older children every Tuesday afternoon and also organises an ICT club. We are considering the possibility of purchasing several tablets for the children to use as research tools.
- *Specialist Sports Teacher.* We realised that we hadn't told you that Mr Davidson is a specialist sports Teaching Assistant with a degree in Sports Science! All children have PE with Mr Davidson at least once a week.

Summary

We're really proud of the results we've achieved as a team – the pupils, parents, teachers, management team PTA and governors. We have a great school and ethos going forward. More importantly we have a strategic plan to keep improving the things we do and make the school even better in the future.

Next Steps

We don't intend sitting on our laurels with these results. The results provide us with areas to add to our School Development Plan and work towards improving the areas identified. Over the coming months the new website will be updated with more detailed information on how we are positively acting upon the survey results and acting upon all the feedback and comments you provided.

Thank you once again for your feedback.